(ii) To examine status of Areas declared unsafe both by Director General of Mines Safety and Government of West Bengal.

(iii) To recommend for the arrest of such subsidence and/or to indicate steps to minimise subsidence and ill-effect of subsidence.

(iv) To suggest practical measures to implement/finance the recommendations including recomdation of other agencies; if any.

The Committee submitted its report on 31st October, 1986. The Committee recommended, *inter-alia*, selective evacuation and resettlement of population willing to be evacuated, stabilisation of inaccessible underground workings through innovative methods, setting up of a special organisation to record occurrences of subsidence and maintain subsidence plans of vulnerable areas etc.

Experimentation in new methods of stabilisation like pumping slurry through boreholes, use of crushed debris for stowing purposes, declaring areas affected by subsidence as unsafe for habitation and prohibition of construction over those areas are already going on. The Committee's recommendations will help in intensifying these efforts.

3285. (*Transferred to the 27th August,* 1987).

3286. (*Transferred to the 25th August,* 1987).

Show Cause Notice to Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited

3287. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a show-cause notice has been served by the Company Law Board under the provisions of the Companies Act to the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, Calcutta;

(b) if so, what are the contents thereof; and

(c) whether a reply to the notice has since been received from the Company and if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The Company Law Board has issued a notice to Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited to show-cause as to why Directors be not appointed under Section 408 of the Companies Act, 1956 on the Board of Directors of the Company on the basis of the observations made by the Hon. Supreme Court in its judgement in Civil Appeal No. 3863/83— Reserve Bank of India-Vs-Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited and others. The company's reply thereto has been received. No final decision has yet been taken.

Gugnani Committee Report

3288. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Report of the Gugnani Committee;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the report;

(c) what are the recommendations of the Committee; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government on the report?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) A Committee on Safety in Coal Mines under the Chirmanship of Shri S.P. Gugnani, the then Joint Secretary in the Department of Coal was constituted in 1976. In its report in 1979, it made 66 recommendations for improving safety in mines. The recommendations cover several matters both operational and organisational. The